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EVENING IN THE HILLS

By Kathleen Chute Erson

Grey clouds and purple mists in beauty flow
O'er green, soft hills and velvet vales below;
All hushed the dusky trees, the listening sod,
As if expectant of the Voice of God;
And wave on wave of balmy rain-drenched air
The gentle breezes on the billows bear.
The rich, green sea of swaying, shadowed grass
Swishes in dream-like rhythm as we pass;
While trickling runnels seek the quiet pool,
And hush their music on its bosom cool,
That mirrors, with a beauty past delight,
The shaggy trees, the dawning stars of night;
Faint, ever fainter, on the air are heard
The drowsy chirrupings of nesting bird,
That merge in silence; but the voice of earth
Breathes strange, deep, olden tales of death and birth.
Like infants, listening to her runic spell,
We vainly strive to know all she would tell;
But mind and ear, life-coarsened and compressed,
Know not the speech that wells from Nature's breast.
We only feel, with feeling dimly spun,
That we, and God, and Nature are but one;
And thoughts too deep for birth in human word
Leave us with quickened breath and eyes tear-blurred,
While through our veins flows pure and lovely fire
Of sad, full joy and infinite desire,
The spirit chafing 'gainst its earthly bars,
Would fain aspire beyond the distant stars.

GOODNESS

Questions for answer by the people were once submitted in the Bulletin of the Berkeley North Church. Among them was one which asked the people if their individual goal was 100 per cent goodness, or a lesser goal.

One very excellent woman frankly replied for herself as follows:

"The lesser goal, I fear. One hundred per cent goodness in this world doesn't seem exactly human and is therefore not very attractive."

This represents a widespread idea. Goodness seems to be regarded as something so other-worldly as to be out of our range and not of practical appeal. There is a further misconception which regards it as a kind of negative harmlessness, a colorless something not associated necessarily with red-blooded achievement.

But the real fact is that goodness is the goal of the universe. If there is anything that will supremely tax one's highest resolution and call for all the resources of heaven to achieve it is goodness.

Goodness is purity. But let a man set himself to the task of entire purity and he discovers that he has a fight on his hands.

Goodness is meekness, the ability to retain one's poise and balance and self-control in the presence of provocation. So far from being a weak and servile thing, meekness is a mark of the noblest character. It is the man who yields who is weak. There is nothing anaemic in goodness.

Goodness is unselfishness. Let one perceive how selfishness in a thousand subtle forms besets his path and he will know how he will be taxed if he is to come off victor.

To be a specialist in goodness, to be skilled in it, to gain the insights of it, to be able progressively to accomplish it—this is what it means to be a Christian. The resources of God Himself are pledged to the man who seriously gives himself to it.—R. B. L.

The bottle of milk is taking the place of the can of beer. Children of poor families are getting milk since the Eighteenth Amendment went into effect. In 1917 (wet) 84 billion pounds of milk were consumed; in 1922 (dry) 102 billion. Milk is good food; beer is no food at all.

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FORGET IF YOU WILL

Forget, if you will, the singer,
But do not forget the song.
What does it matter, who brought it?
If the message is true and strong?
He sought not for fame, but to hearten,
When the hours grow heavy and long.

His was the bliss of the impulse
That smote the responsive strings
Of the lute that was his soul
Till it spoke tumultuous things,
Till it sang of the life that is common
To yeomen and to kings.

So why should the people ponder
On the small affairs of his day?
Did he live in a tower or a hovel,—
What does it matter, pray?
He was one with the prince and the peasant,
And they live in his songs for aye.

He longed to give hope to the hopeless,
He toiled to make gentle the strong;
He pled with the great that they ponder
The curse of Pride and Wrong:
Forget, if you will, the singer,
But do not forget his song.

A GODLESS EVOLUTION

These words sound strange. We question if there are many rightly informed minds that can consistently tie up the word "Godless" with the word "evolution."

For our part we cannot see how any evolution can take place without a personal power behind it and in it Mr. Bryan says that the evolutionary theory removes God from the world. But it is not so with our thinking. It seems to us that it brings God back into the world.

The old theory of creation,—and it is a theory—in which the world was made in six days and then was sent whirling off into space, takes God out of the world. He is henceforth a God removed. The story of Genesis so considers God as absent and under the necessity of revisiting the earth from time to time to correct man's ways.

On the other hand the evolutionary theory—a theory if you will of the process of world-making—takes it for granted that God is in the world all the time, and all the time that the process is going on He is at work in the process. Evolution, according to those who accept it, is no more nor less than God at work. "My Father worketh hitherto and I work," said Jesus.

Evolution is not godless; it is God-full.

THE PASSING OF PRESIDENT HARDING

The outstanding glory of President Harding's brief administration is that by his conciliatory spirit and his friendly firmness he was able to change a half-hearted submission on the part of a multitude of those who voted against him to a full-hearted allegiance. He was nominated without doubt as a political compromise; but he made himself in the few months of his presidency the chosen candidate of an overwhelming mass of the people. The universal and genuine sympathy of the nation at his going is a testimony of his worth that might well be coveted by every man in official position.

The Washington Conference for Peace on the Pacific and really looking toward peace everywhere will stand as a perpetual Memorial of his administration, more satisfying than anything that can be erected by the hands and wealth of his admirers.

To President Coolidge, we, along with all the nation, extend our pledge of support and cordial co-operation in all good works. We pray for him the possession of "Wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the seashore."

EDITORIAL NOTES

President Harding's newspaper creed had in it some things preachers might well adopt: "Be truthful; get the facts. I would rather have one story exactly right than a hundred half-wrong. Be decent. Don't knock. Avoid bringing ignominy to an innocent man or child by telling misdeeds of a relative. Treat all religious matters reverently."

The new German Chancellor, Streseman, missed a great opportunity in his first announcement. Instead of declaring that Germany under his administration would try to be honest and to do everything in her power to keep her pledged word, he

said—if the Ruhr were returned to them and Germany got on her feet once more—after a "breathing space" (duration not mentioned), she would "through the use of our economic powers be able to produce means for the regulation of the reparation question." Which means—what?

One United States Senator somewhat in the limelight is quoted as saying: "As I have said to you often, I would like to be president; I think any American in political life who pretends otherwise is wholly hypocritical." And that reveals two things: the secret of many of his moves; and his lack of any appreciation of a real statesmanship. Such a man ought never to be president.

A wealthy wine-merchant of German descent and sympathies has just finished a ninety-day sentence in the county jail for bootlegging. He has announced through the press that he is going to spend several months in Chile,—"to cool off, probably," the office boy says.

ENDEAVOR COFERENCE AT MT. HERMON

The State Conference of Christian Endeavor had a successful meeting at Mt. Hermon early in August. The registration was the largest in its history, totaling over four hundred.

Perhaps the largest contribution to the conference came from Mr. E. P. Gates, General Secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor. He is broad guage, outspoken, fearless, yet kindly constructive. The burden of his messages was loyalty to denominational and local church programs. He sounded a warning to state and county unions to remember that authority did not rest with them but with the local society; and that the latter were to shape their programs in conformity to the programs of the local churches of which they were a part.

The main platform addresses were given by Rev. J. S. West, of the First Baptist Church of San Francisco; Rev. L. A. McAfee, of the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, and by Secretary Gates.

Besides the daily Bible classes there were classes in Home and Foreign Missions, religious dramatics and pageantry, hymnology and music, demonstration of poster making and advertising, conferences in vocational guidance, and classes in social and recreational programs.

Two of the very popular classes were conducted by Congregational men; the one in Home missions by Harvey V. Miller, and the one in religious dramatics and pageantry by Wilbur S. Tupper. Both of these classes were distinct contributions to the Conference.

About fifty Congregational young people were in attendance. Two gatherings of our denominational group brought together a total of seventy earnest young people who pledged themselves to a loyal interest and part in the work of our body in this state.

A play written and directed by the author, W. S. Tupper, was staged one evening of the conference by the players from our church at Boulevard, Oakland, to the great delight and satisfaction of the packed house that gathered to see and hear the story of Onesimus. This was an innovation at Mt. Hermon; but it was a success.—W. E. E.

FROM FACTORY TO THRONE

Mary Slessor was a factory girl in Dundee Scotland. Apparently she had no qualifications for fame. Yet she became possessed of the missionary spirit. She went to the most difficult field in Africa, at Calabar; that was when she was twenty-eight years old. There among a most degenerate people in a moist, hot and disease-laden climate she labored until she was 59 years of age, wielding an influence such as few great ones ever have. She became the mother of the whole tribe and brought civilization, justice and right-living to a whole province. There is no story so enthralling as hers.

A memorial has recently been erected for her in her native town, in the form of a stained glass window, one picture showing her as a factory girl working at her loom; another pictures her as surrounded by negro children whom she had saved from a cruel death; and in another she is sitting on the Seat of Judgment as vice-president of the native court at Ikobotong.

What a distance to travel! From loom to world-fame. And it was done by humility and service. The meek shall inherit the earth.

POSTERS

Posters are popular. They are a part of modern education. We wish to use this talent in advertising our State Conference. We will bestow honors for the three best Posters that have been used in the local church and sent to the Conference for the opening sessions.

The greatest length of the Poster should not be over thirty-three inches, the width according to the judgment of the designer. The main items should include the Place, the Program and The Fellowship.

This number of the Pacific gives some details of the Program and later information can be secured at the Conference office. Some of the main features will be Religious Education, Missions Education, Woman's Work, Conference Business, Popular Addresses, and Recreation and Dramatics.

The Foster will be judged on the basis of design, appearance, and its value as an advertising medium. The three best will be sent to the National Council to be held the following week in Springfield Mass., and become a part of the exhibit from the Northern California Conference. For further information consult with Superintendent Minchin, 423 Phelan Bldg.

MONDAY CLUB

The programs of the Club have been diversified the past month. On one Monday morning J. B. Orr of the Boulevard Church, Oakland, gave the results of a study he had made of the matter of the Holy Spirit as recorded in the synoptic Gospels and in the Gospel of John. On another morning F. V. Fisher gave his address upon the "Discovery of America."

On a following Monday, Harvey L. Rowley of the San Francisco Richmond Church presented his lecture upon Alaska with slides and motion pictures. Mr. Rowley during his five years in Alaska has used his eyes, ears and brain to good purpose in a study of conditions in that mysterious land. He has five reels of motion pictures of great beauty and value; and any number of tinted slides, which he is using in churches and clubs for better understanding of this northern land of ours. He is a pleasant speaker and has a real message.

One of the notable sessions of the Club was when Elmer I. Goshen of Salt Lake City gave an account of his reclamation work among the down-and-outers. He says that about 85 per cent of the men addicted to dope and drink with whom he worked have been reclaimed to right living. He also gave some account of a free employment agency which the church conducts for the benefit of all those who are out of work.

THE MINISTER

Rev. LaRue Watson, after three years' pastorate at Tehachapi, finds that the high altitude of the field renders it impossible for him to remain there. So he has resigned, hoping to be released at least by October 31.

Rev. and Mrs. Bryant C. Preston will spend the month of September in Portland, Oregon, while he supplies the pulpit of the First Congregational Church there. They will also visit Spokane before their return, Mr. Preston having been pastor of the Plymouth Church some years ago. At the opening of the Golf Links at Griffith Park, Mr. Preston in one of the special matches won the low "medal score" by making the eighteen holes in 69, which is one below "par" for the course. Many of the experts are hoping that Mr. Preston will enter the State Tournament.

Rev. Clement G. Clarke of Springfield, Mass., has been called to the pastorate of the First church of Portland, Oregon.

The Play of Jeremiah in the Greek Theatre, Berkeley, on September 7th is an enviable opportunity for all those who are familiar with their Bibles or who would welcome a luminous interpretation of the misunderstood prophet.

Rev. Edmund Owens has resigned his pastorate at Suisun, after a service of four years.

Among the visitors about the Bay this summer were Rev. Elmer I. Goshen and his family of Salt Lake City. Mr. Goshen has had such throngs attending his ministry in that great city that he has been compelled to take one of the largest theaters there, and even that is not big enough. Hundreds are turned away every Sunday morning for lack of room. Mr. Goshen has added in the past year over one hundred new members to his church, which now reports about one thousand members.

Rev. Charles H. Dains had a birthday the other day; and his people of the Ripon church found it out. In commemoration of the important event they crowded into his home for a time of rejoicing and expressed their good will in parting by leaving a well filled purse behind them.

To come back to a former pastorate and to be welcomed heartily in a wholesale fashion has been the happy experience of C. L. Mears of Minneapolis, in his return for a few weeks to Alameda. The

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pastor, Harvey V. Miller, did the gracious thing when he announced that Mr. Mears was not to be the pulpit supply of the church during August, but was to be the pastor; the church has accepted Mr. Mears in that spirit.

E. A. King of Miami Beach, Florida, has been giving a series of lectures in his church upon Evolution, which have attracted an interested and increasing body of auditors. The lectures have been issued in pamphlet form for wide distribution.

HOW RELIGION BEGINS.

No more vital question can be asked than What is the Origin of Religion? And no sooner is that answered than there must follow the second query: How did religion develop? These are great themes, which really become one. Prof. Hopkins of Yale has undertaken to answer both questions in his fine volume on the "Origin and Evolution of Religion." It is a work of great learning. The reader is soon convinced of the erudition of the author. But all scholarly writers are not able to present their material in such fashion that the man on the street can catch the meaning. Here is where Prof. Hopkins excels. His language is choice, illuminating, understandable; so that any one of average high school mind who desires to know the best about the subject need have no hesitancy at all in entering upon this study.

There are twenty-one chapters; merely running over their titles will reveal the scope and fascination of the study. The first chapter deals with the four or five origins of religion; the next six chapters take up the worship of various things,—stones, trees, animals, different phenomena, the sun, man, and ancestors. The author says: "With all this bewildering jumble to his discredit, man to his credit has never worshipped anything save what he imagined behind these phenomena, the thing he sought and feared, power." The Thing behind the things.

In the following chapters the writer discusses the Soul, the Self as soul, Sacrifice, the Ritual, the Priest and the Church. After this he discusses Religion and Mythology, Ethics, Philosophy; four chapters he devotes to the Triad and Trinity; and in his last he writes on the Reality of Religion.

The author is a historian. His work is not a discussion of the validity of religion, nor even the existence of a soul; his one business is to show how a belief in God, in the soul, in a future life, and all other relgious beliefs arose and grew. Yet in spite of the limitations the author has put upon himself as a historian he goes far toward the idea of God and a future life.

In his last chapter he writes: "In closing this investigation it is almost inevitable that we ask ourselves whether there is any reason to believe in the reality of religion. . . . Are the religious phenomena of the world the weak but illuminative expression of an underlying verity? . . . Life as it now is demands the explanation of an immaterial power, infinite energy or will, operative in the universe and controlling it; . . . Life as a whole, past and present, shows a steady development toward a higher level, in which self-consciousness is the final finite expression, a development apparently controlled and as such the expression of will, either immanent in matter or exterior to it."

The author quotes Le Conte speaking as a scientist, who says "God is infinite self or will"; and Lord Kelvin, another scientist, who says, "If you think strongly enough, you will be forced by science to a belief in God"; and then in his own language Prof. Hopkins adds: "It is interesting to see that science is gradually becoming weaned from materialism. The real and the ideal are no longer opposed; perhaps the only real is the ideal."

This is a masterly bit of workmanship and is worthy of careful reading by all ministers and the better educated lay-folk.

THE ORIGIN AND EVOLUTION OF RELIGION: by Prof. E. Washburn Hopkins. Pp. 370: price $3.00. Yale University Press, New Haven.

IN HONOR OF R. B. DODGE

When Rev. Rowland B. Dodge relinquished the pastorate of the Broadmoor church upon going to Redwood City, that church, which he had served from its organization, passed resolutions in appreciation of his constant kindliness and devotion. They wished him godspeed in his new service and "Resolved, That we express to Mr. Dodge our deep appreciation for his vision and foresight in securing the establishment of and organizing a church in this community, and for his tireless efforts and patience in performing the necessary tasks incident thereto."

The trustees of the Bay association also passed resolutions relative to Mr. Dodge's resigning the office of secretary of the association. They say:

Through his wise leadership and earnest endeavor the Bay Association has been brought through many difficult situations and its affairs placed upon a sound basis, and it is now ready for great usefulness. Not only has this been done but two new churches have been organized by him, the first for several years within this district.

We regret that the relations which have always been most cordial and helpful are to be severed; but we recognize Mr. Dodge's reasons for accepting the call to the Redwood City Church as valid and

that it is well for the church that he should become its pastor; and we extend to the church our haerty congratulations and sincere hope and belief that a day of great usefulness downs upon both pastor and church.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The program for the meeting of the Conference in October is not completed far enough to publish in this issue. But an outline is possible.

Nearly every morning from Oct. 3rd to 9th, there will be a Mission Study period; also an hour set aside for Religious Education under the leadership of Miles B. Fisher.

Hugh Vernon White one morning is to give an address on "The Chief Business of the Church." Woman's Work is to be under the leadership of Mrs. Swartz.

Home Missions will be presented one evening under lead of W. J. Minchin; and Foreign Missions another evening under lead of H. H. Kelsey.

Four conferences will be held one morning as follows: For pastors, H. H. Gill leader; for pastors' wives, by Mrs. B. M. Palmer; for laymen, J. T. Richards leader; and Young People.

Wilbur S. Tupper will present one evening three short plays; a comedy, "Between the Soup and the Savory"; miracle play, "The Traveling Man"; and "Onesimus."

The Conference Sermon will be preached by Willard B. Thorp; and Moderator's Address by M. G. Papazian. The Sunday morning sermon will be by Harvey V. Miller. Sunday Vesper address by Henry Stauffer; with music by the Santa Cruz choir.

One whole morning will be devoted to business; with an Agenda prepared under instruction of the Conference Trustees.

The outlook is for a strong meeting; useful and inspiring.

ASILOMAR RATES

The Congregational Conference of Northern California meets at Asilomar from Wednesday afternoon, October 3, to Tuesday noon, October 9. The following is the table of rates for the full period of the Conference; and also the per day rate for those who are there for a less period:

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Two in room, each	$14.10	$2.50
One in room	17.10	3.00
Guest Inn		
Two in room, each	$15.60	$2.75
One in room	18.60	3.25
Lodge		
Two in room, each	$18.60	$3.50
One in room	23.10	4.00

Rates for Children

From five to ten years (inclusive), two-thirds rate; from two to four years (inclusive), one-half rate; under two years (no food furnished), $2.00 per week.

The Registration fee for the Conference will be $3.50.

JAPANESE WORK IN WASHINGTON

By Rev. S. Abe

The Japanese Congregational Church of Seattle has a history of fourteen years, ten years of which were under care of the American Missionary Association and Plymouth Church. It is now enjoying independence. The church has some active missionary work among our people, allowing me to visit several places in the State of Washington.

Everywhere I go there are American friends willing to give hearty help to promote the work we have started. In Wapato, where many Japanese farmers are struggling under severe anti-Japanese agitation, I started my visiting work once a month three years ago. The Presbyterian pastor and church members in that place received us very well and encouraged our children to attend their Sunday School. Mrs. Mackay, a resident of Mabton, not far from Wapato, came there to help us visiting house to house, staying three or four days in each family and teaching everything necessary for Americanization.

Yakima is another good example of the co-operation between American citizens and Japanese. The Chamber of Commerce welcomes Japanese people to enter as its members. The Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A. and church people are very enthusiastic to encourage our people. All the children of Japanese families are attending American Sunday Schools of the Congregational, Presbyterian, Methodist and Christian churches. The First Methodist Church is allowing us to use their Sunday School hall for our meeting place, where I preach once a month and our people are having their regular meeting every week.

Bellevue is a field where the American Missionary Association had a station under charge of Miss Knowlton many years. Now that Miss Knowlton has moved to Seattle, my church is taking the responsibility of the Sunday School which is kept every Sunday afternoon in the building of the American Congregational Church. I preach once a month in their family gathering.

My objective in visiting is not to establish any branch of our church, but to promote the true

hristian influence and good feeling between church nd people.

In Tacoma I have some friends who are anxious o invite me once a month. Sometimes I am inited to the neighboring towns, Olympia, Eatonille, Fife and other places where there are many apanese fishermen, sawmill workers and farmers.

I have been here three years and enjoy my ork very much. It is the great blessing from bove and the kindness of the American people hich encourages me every day and night.

A CHILD'S GRACE

Here a little child I stand
Heaving up my either hand;
Cold as paddocks though they be,
Still I lift them, Lord, to Thee
For a benison to fall
On the meat and on us all.

THE BOOK SHELF

Two volumes of great value for use especially in aily Vacation Bible School work among the junors, ages nine to eleven years, have been issued y the Abingdon Press. They are both entitled Knights of Service", the one is a series of Bible tories, and the other a Program Guide. Twentyive daily programs have been arranged in detail; hey all include worship, hymn study, recreation, nstruction, and expressional activities.

A while ago two books were issued by the Abingon Press, entitled "Living at our Best" and "Citzen Junior"; both helpful books. The publishers ave now prepared "Teacher's Manuals" to go with hese two voulmes. Those who are using either of he first books will surely want to own the manual hat belongs to it. The manuals by themselves are timulating and full of fresh and helpful ideas.

The D. V. B S. which to those who know means aily Vacation Bible School is coming to be a most aluable institution for the teaching of religion mong the young people and children. The church orkers who are looking with longing toward startng such a work in their community will find the ew volume by J. E. Stout and J. V. Thompson on The Daily Vacation and Bible School" a most valable help. The sub-title to the volume is "How o organize and Conduct it." Here is quite a full iscussion of the whole matter; and one ought to tudy it carefully in order to escape some mistakes nd perhaps avoid failure. (The Abingdon Press. ew York.)

"Home Lessons in Religion" is, in volume one, manual for mothers for the instruction of the hree-year-old child. It presents a series of fifty-two lessons covering the year. These lessons are clustered under fourteen different progressive themes. They are so arranged as to fit the changing conditions of the calendar year. It is better used in connection with the Mother-Teacher of Religion. There are several pages of advice and instruction invaluable and definite. The (Abingdon Press,)

The Federal Council has issued its year-book for 1923. It has six sections of valuable information. It gives a full directory of all religious bodies in America with a sketch of their history, their government, and their doctrine; it furnishes a complete list of officials of the Council and all affiliated bodies; it also gives lists of chaplains in the Army and Navy; and a vast deal of other material that will be handy to have at hand. The pages devoted to a study of Prohibition in America will repay a careful examination. (Pages 483; price $1.50.)

Spring in the Brown Meadow is a little booklet of pantomimes for children, issued by the Abingdon Press (35 cents net). The story is told by some adult and as it goes along the children are to go through with certain performances, certain gestures and attitudes which picture the story. A very attractive little volume and surely of real value for teachers of little ones.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

The First Church of Oakland, W. C. Waddell acting pastor, is holding its worship services in the Jewish Temple Sinai. The Sunday School and that of the First Unitarian Church have federated for a year. The sessions of the union school are to be held in the Unitarian church. Mr. Waddell says that August 12 was a remarkable day in that the Sunday School met in the Unitarian church, the morning worship was in the Jewish Temple, and the evening worship service in the First Baptist Church, with Charles R. Brown as the preacher for the evening. One child attending the Daily Vacation Bible school of the church had this record: The parents are Swedish; their church Christian Scientist; the child attends the Salvation Army Sunday School; and goes to a Catholic day school.

Evidently the pastorate of the Stockton church

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is proving to be very happy. Hugh Vernon White, who has recently taken up work there, after some years in Honolulu, writes:—"Our work here is going very nicely through the Summer months. Attendance at both morning and evening services has been very good and we are looking forward to the opening of the school and the beginning of our Fall work. The thorough and constructive work that Mr. Gill did has put the church on such a high level of efficiency that the organization has continued to run efficiently even in the period of transition. Every encouragement has been given to the new pastor in the way of response and support from the congregation. Mrs. White and I are finding this a very friendly church and are enjoying the process of getting acquainted." During August Mr. White preached on The Christian View of Play; of Work; of Friendship; and of Marriage. His prayer meetings have been devoted to a study of the Gospel of John.

The congregation of the Plymouth Church of Oakland voted wholeheartedly one Sunday evening to live and to work for World Peace. The pastor, F. V. Fisher, has devoted the Wednesday evening meetings to a study in "the secrets of the spiritual life:—the secret of the inflow; of the heart; of the open window; of the daring adventure; and of the great Companionship."

Arrangements have been completed for the installation of Rev. S. K. Hata as pastor of the Federated Japanese church of San Francisco; our Congregational church is part of the federation.

Many of our churches in the state held Memorial services on August 12th for our late President. This was only one of the many expressions of warm friendship the masses of our people have had for Mr. Harding. "He was a good man," said Godfrey Matthews of the Mission Park church. "No finer epitaph than that can be written on the tomb of a mortal. Like all the great and good he died with his work unfinished; it is a mark of greatness to die with still more work to do"

Frederick Conliffe of Salida writes of a scheme he has been trying with his church: "We have tried the impossible this summer and it has worked well. Perhaps the unusually cool weather has been in our favor. Instead of allowing the interest to die for the summer months we ordered ten copies of Bosworth's 'What it Means to be a Christian,' and placed them in different families. Then I planned a series of sermons on the chapter topics for eight successive Sunday evenings. We serve home-made ice cream and cookies after the service and spend a social hour together. The experiment has proven itself well worth the effort both in religious and social development."

The Federated church at Crockett, pastorless a present, offers an auspicious opportunity for strong leader. It ought to have a preacher of abil ity and scholarship. The Presbyterian branch o the federation is located in what is known as Valc nia; and has a thriving Sunday school and an earn est band of young people. The Congregationa branch, the stronger factor in the federation, ha a new building of great attractiveness and a wor derful field of service among the hundreds of youn men working in the Spreckles Refinery. It als has a vigorous and progressive Sunday school; an affords an evening congregation which any ma would be happy to appear before.

Rev. Mr. Crowe, the pastor of the Methodi church at Sonoma, has had a stroke of apoplex and is disqualified for work. Rev. Isaac Cookma of the Congregational church is helping out in th present emergency by temporarily conducting se vices for both churches. He and Mr. Crowe hav been hearty friends and co-workers.

The Broadmoor Church of Oakland has cou ageously decided that it will try to get along wit out Home Missionary aid, and itself raise in fu the salary of its new pastor, Rev. L. M. Isaacs, wh has just come to California from service in Col rado.

Arrangements have been completed by whic Superintendent Minchin will for six months hav charge of the work of the Bay Association in co nection with his service to the Conference of Nort ern California.

OLD CLOTHES AND BIBLES

Mr. Charles Hanson of Minneapolis is gatherin up all the old clothes, cast-off garments that he ca find to send to the Russians who are in so gre want. He has asked the American Bible Socie to give him portions of the New Testament in t Russian language so that he may put one in th pockets of these garments. Thus would he spre abroad the evangel.

The Russians are a religious people by natur and they seem to have an eager desire for the B ble. This method of Mr. Hanson, and the Bib Society heartily joins in it, seems to be a quick an effective plan for evangelizing great multitudes that dark land.

"The Magic Gift," the Flag story for childre can be had for 50 cents of the Pilgrim Press. Th price has been reduced from $1.00 in order to gi this beautiful story a wider distribution.

Children's Sermons

BY WILLARD BROWN THORP

THE PALO ALTO TREE

The oldest living inhabitant of Palo Alto is the ree. No one knows how many centuries it has ved.

When the white men first came to California, that ll redwood was standing there just as it is now, here the road from San Jose to San Francisco rossed the deep ravine of the San Francisquito reek. When Governor Stanford located his big tock farm here, he named it the Palo Alto Farm, hich means the Tall Tree Farm.

When David Starr Jordan came here to found tanford, they chose that tree for the emblem on ie seal of the university. And since then the city f Palo Alto has grown up about it and taken its ame from it. It is one of the "Big Trees" of Cali- ornia, and one of the most famous of them all.

The other day I went up close to it and examined , to see if it would not preach me a sermon. And did—a sermon on Salvation.

For the thing that impressed me was the pains iat had been taken to save that tree from falling. stands right on the edge of the ravine, which is ot of rock but of soft earth, and you can almost rop a stone into the creek thirty or forty feet be- ow. The wonder is that in all these centuries the ee has not been undermined and fallen.

In recent years they have built a massive retaining all of cement clear down to the bottom of the ra- ine, just to keep the water of the creek from wash- ig away the earth under the tree. That reminds ie of Paul's word: "Other foundation can no man ay than that which is laid, even Christ."

Then they have stretched two strong cables to ther trees to keep the wind from blowing it over,— hich reminds me of the way Christians ought to tand to keep one another from falling. Are there ot many men who would have been saved from uin, if others had taken such pains to keep them om falling as have been lavished on this splendid ld tree?

FOR WORKERS AMONG JUNIORS

Where there is a Junior Department meeting by self in the church school, the new volume by osephine L. Baldwin entitled "Services and Songs or the Junior Department" will prove helpful. The urpose of the book is to furnish attractive and high rade services that are adapted to the junior mind. fulfils its meaning. The music is beautiful and esides being such as will appeal to the children will also cultivate the taste for the better sort,—a thing most to be desired. (The Abingdon Press; pages 186; price 75 cents net.)

The youngsters of nine, ten, and eleven years of age are shut out from the Boy Scouts and Camp-fire girls; properly so. They are different from the older children. But they should be in process of training. To this end the Abingdon Press has issued a valuable book by Nathaniel F. Forsyth called "Training the Junior Citizen." It is a book chiefly of programs to cover two years' work She author says: "The hope of America and of the world lies in the early building of right ideals into character." The programs provide for one club meeting per week for eight months of each of the two years. We commend the book to those who are working among children of the pre-adolescent age. (Pages 304; price $1.50 net.)

Mrs. Marie Cole Powell has been for several years the Director of Religious Education and Superintendent of the junior department in the First Congregational church of Oak Park, near Chicago. "Under her leadership this department became widely known for the originality and effectiveness of its program." Growing out of this and other experiences, and a quite full study of the junior problem, she has prepared a volume entitled "Junior Method in the Church School"; which is put forth as one of the Abingdon Religious Education Texts. The Junior teacher will find a great fund of inspiring and instructive material in these three hundred pages. The first two chapters on the Junior's World; and the Junior Child himself, is worth the price of the book. The book is helpfully illustrated. (The Abingdon Press; price $1.50 net.)

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Prof. T. R. Glover, the author of "Christ of History," the the Earl lecturer in the Pacific School of Religion this month. His course will deal with the life and teaching of the Ppostle Paul.

Prof. Hans Driesch, the Gifford Lecturer at the University of Aberdeen in 1908, will give two lecturers at the Wheeler Auditorium; September 11 on "The Problem of Freedom"; and September 12, on "The Meaning of History."

The Annual Conference of Pastors will be held early this coming year; in the week beginning January 14, 1924. In connection with it Dean Brown of Yale will- lecture in the evenings on "Why I Believe in Religion"; and during the day on "The Minister and the Parish."

BROADCASTING THE BIBLE

By A. W. Mell

The Bible is being broadcasted from the K. P. O. Station, Hale Bros., San Francisco.

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Hale Bros. is one of the finest broadcasting stations in America; its complete radio program has been heard over 1,600 miles east of New York City and 1,500 miles west of Honolulu and from the northern most point of Alaska to Mexico and Porto Rico. The Radio Corporation of America has estimated that the number of those who regularly listen in to this station is considerably in excess of one million.

Many letters and telegrams have been received expressing appreciation of the Bible Reading service each day.

The State Conference meets at Asilomar for a six-day period, from October 3rd to 9th. The meetings of the Conference for the past three years held in this "retreat by the sea" have been among the largest in attendance in its history. We publish in this issue a statement of the rates.

THE ONLY BOOK NEVER OFF THE PRESS

Four hundred and sixty-seven years ago the first book was printed from movable type. That book was the Bible and it took five years to complete the task. One of these books sold recently for $50,000. Today great presses printing for the American Bible Society are turning off copies of the Gospels at the rate of 10,000 an hour to be sold anywhere in the whole world for one cent each. In the intervening years the Bible has never been off the press. It has had a steady run for more than four centuries.

Yet if all the Bibles printed in all the years since printing was invented were available today, there would not be enough to supply the world's present population. The present rate of production of Bibles is not as great as the birth rate. Large portions of the population of the world are still unable to get the whole Bible or even a main part in their native tongue.

It must be said to the credit of the Church that a vast work has been done in giving the Bible to the world. In whole or in part the Bible has been translated into 770 languages or dialets. During the past decade the Bible has appeared in a new language on an average of every six weeks. In the past century some 550,000,000 copies of the Scriptures have been prepared by the Bible Societies. Millions of dollars have been given by the Church for this great task. Thousands of consecrated men have given themselves in sacrificial service.

Not Yet Delivered

But still the fact remains that the Bible is undelivered. When the Bible Societies are asked for an explanation their answer is immediate, direct and simple: "It could be delivered in hundreds of languages to millions of people if paid for." It is merely a matter of dollars and cents. The scholarship of the Church is equal to the gigantic task of translation if it can only be made available. The mills are equipped to furnish the paper and the presses to print the sacred words if only funds are at hand to meet the expenses. The man power and woman power of the Church are adequate for the task of distribution. In the most literal sense all that is wanting is money to finance the venture.

No phase of the Church's task is so basic as that of giving the Bible to all men everywhere. It is probable that no other phase of the Church's work produces so large a return for the same amount of money and service. And yet the Church has never given as generously to this part of its work as it has to other branches of its missionary program.

Not Generous Enough

The percentage devoted to Bible work in the benevolent program of the Church as a whole is not something of which the Church may boast. If a great wave of generosity were to sweep the Church in behalf of the Bible Cause, it would bring a revival of spiritual life to her membership. This thing is fundamental to the Church's success as a spiritual force in the world.

Nor have the stewards of great wealth seemed to realize the unlimited opportunity for far-reaching service presented by the Bible program. The really conspicuous gifts made during the first hundred years of this work could be counted in the proverbial way on the fingers of one hand. No one has come forward to create a foundation for Bible circulation as has been done in behalf of other

orthy enterprises such as public health, educa-on, music, literature and art.

After a century of operation, the total endowment f the American Bible Society, which is second in nportance to no other American institution, is less ıan two millions of dollars yielding an income of ss than $100,000. May God stir the hearts of those hom He has richly endowed with material things) see this work as an opportunity fraught with ast possibilities for human betterment and spirit-al advancement.

BETTTER MUSIC AHEAD

One of the promising signs of the recovery of anity and good taste was revealed at the great hristian Endeavor Convention in Iowa last month. ll the music was of high order as it should be in ll religious gatherings.

Not a note was heard of the weak sentimental tuff which has so largely corrupted the theology nd taste of our young people and demoralized ieir devotions.

The "Church in the Wildwood" was left there vhere it ought to stay and the "Glory Song" was emeficently silent. Porf. Augustine Smith, that ew power for good in our young people work, was ı full charge of the music throughout the conven-ion of more than 13,000 registered delegates.

Were I, O God in churchless lands remaining,
Far from all voice of teachers and divine,
My soul would find in flowers of Thy ordaining,
Priests, sermons, shrine.

On Sunday, August 19th, Rev. O. W. S. McCall reached a notable sermon at the First church, Berkeley, on "The Scandal of the Times." It was sermon showing up the folly and wickedness of war. Mr. McCall thus begins a campaign against war. After every available space in the church was occupied, a great many were turned away. It s the rule with this church to be not merely on ime, but ahead of time if one desires entry. Mr. IcCall's message is thoughtful, spiritual, and with-ut any sensational elements.

On Sunday, August 19th, Carl S. Patton preached t Los Angeles First Church a strong sermon on Leading Ideas of the Present Age" to a full ouse. At the twilight communion on the previous unday he received seven new members into fel-owship.

The sad news has come that the little son of Paul Waterhouse, missionary to Japan, has recent-y died there from an attack of whooping cough.

HUMAN NATURE

Isn't it funny that a man can write some very ordinary stuff for the press and "put it over" on a whole lot of people,—simply because he is reputed to be getting a $100,000 salary for doing it. There's some psychology in it.

You can fool a wise man, once; you can fool a dull man twice; but you can fool a fool any number of times. Which is my class?—that's the problem.

Press dispatches said that Washington was the wettest place in the United States during Shriners' week; and a multitude of people preferred to believe it. Whereas "very little liquor was able to seep into Washington," so vigilant were officers and the citizens; and the city was about the driest spot anywhere. Ought there not to be a law to penalize the lying press for the lies they tell?

On October 1, a National Press Service will be inaugurated by the Methodists in Washington, D. C., with Harry E. Woolever in charge, to give full and trustworthy reports of all matters of interest at the capital. The beauty of such a service is that it will tell the truth.

PASTOR McCALL ANSWERS

The question was: Is the Book of Job to be considered merely as fiction, and if so where is the line to be drawn in the Bible between fiction and truth?

In answer Rev. O. W. S. McCall said: "Neither the Book of Job nor any part of the Bible is to be regarded merely as fiction;" therefore no need arises to draw lines between fiction and truth. The Book of Job is probably a drama, inspired by God to shed light upon the problems of suffering, for God pressed into His service almost every type of literature; drama, folklore, parable, biography, letters, apocalypse, proverb, oration: all have been made vehicles of religious truth.

Your success in distinguishing one from another will depend largely upon your literary sense but arrangements of the Bible such as Moulton's Modern Reader's Bible help a good deal. In the meantime, the main stream of Scripture teaching flows on unmistakably, and your wisdom will lie in allowing no disputable matters to draw you away from that.

The Yale Divinity School has 1858 living graduates. Of these 107 are living in California; 8 in Oregon, and 24 in Washington. One hundred and seventy-five are living outside of the United States; the larger number of these are in China (35) and in Japan (34).

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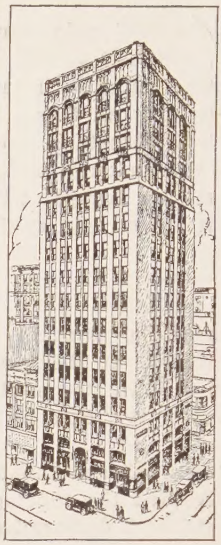

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